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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-17 will remain in the application.

#### *Objections to the Drawings*

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as allegedly not showing a plurality of closely coupled networked computer systems as recited in claims 1 and 15. A proposed amendment to Figs. 6 and 7 of the drawings has been made as requested by the Examiner. The specification has also amended on pages 24-25 to reflect the changes in the drawings. Entry of the proposed changes and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully solicited.

#### *Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection*

Claims 1-12, 14-15, and 17 stand provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being obvious over claim 13 of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/310,543 in view of Narisi et al. 6,233,619. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto for purposes of overcoming this rejection. Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully solicited.

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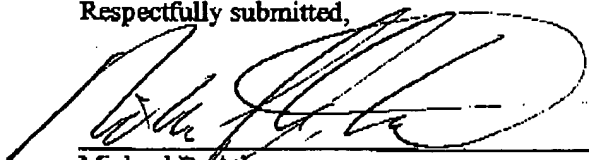
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**CONCLUSION**

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all objections and rejections and a Notice of Allowability are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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